

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is unfair. If they do not like John Kerry, then, they should not vote for him; however, they should not have the right to force 60+ TV stations to air their prejudiced views of the Democratic Presidential candidate only weeks before the election. The message behind such a move is: if you have lots of money you can act to influence the election in whatever way you want; and, if you do not have money, oh well, too bad, you are not a part of the country even though you are told you are.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy!

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I ask that you halt Sinclair's unethical and undemocratic actions with regards to taking over the airwaves to force-feed their views on the public shortly before OUR, not THEIR, election.

Thank you.